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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: JANJIC ET AL.)
SERIAL NO: 08/897,351) EXAMINER: ZITOMER, S.
FILED: JULY 21, 1997) ART UNIT: 1634
TITLE: VASCULAR)
ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH)
FACTOR (VEGF))
NUCLEIC ACID LIGAND)
COMPLEXES)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

An Office Action was issued in the above-referenced application on June 8, 1998. Both pending claims were rejected. This Amendment and Remarks is hereby submitted to respond to such Office Action. Accompanying this response is a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, extending the response date to December 8, 1998. Claims 1-2 are pending and are rejected. Claim 2 has been amended, and claims 3-21 have been added herein. The Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered.

AMENDMENT

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